

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” Mt 24:44



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, **10:00 am
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday: **6:00 pm
Tuesday: **12:05 pm
Wednesday-Friday: **8:00 am

**** Ways to watch a “Live-Streamed Mass”**

➤ www.stmatthewausau.org - near top of page
“Click to Watch the Mass” on YouTube then
scroll down to watch the Mass you want.

➤ **Our YouTube Channel: “St. Matthew Wausau”**
Subscribe to get live-streamed notifications.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before every Mass
Saturday: 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(~4:30 pm: Evening Prayer,
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

First Fridays

Mass in Spanish at 5 pm, followed by
Flame of Love Holy Hour, followed by all
night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
ending with Mass in Spanish at
6 am on Saturday morning.

Parish Office - Oficina

227 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: closed

Website: www.StMatthewWausau.org

YouTube: [St. Matthew Wausau](https://www.youtube.com/StMatthewWausau)

TV Sunday Mass

Channel 7.4 WSAW - Sunday 9 am

Cable TV

Channel 12: Sunday 6:30 am

Ch 980 Public Access: Sat 6 pm & Sun 9 am

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioclc.org



Advent Preparing your Heart for Christmas

By Ann Lankford



Taking time during Advent to prepare ourselves spiritually can result in a truly meaningful Christmas Day and Christmas Season - the celebration of the birth of the most important Person in all of history: Jesus Christ. There are traditional customs of our Catholic Faith that provide us with important ways to prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ Child.

Advent, which means *coming*, is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This time is to be different than our ordinary routine. It is not meant to be a time of celebration, as that really begins on Christmas Eve. An important point for Advent is to keep everything simple. That is, do not try to do too much shopping or baking, but take time for being with family members and to pray together. Advent is to be spent preparing our hearts spiritually for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to save us from sin and eternal death. This focus of spiritual preparation and joyful anticipation can be difficult to maintain in the hectic hustle and bustle of the materialistic side of this sacred season.

During Advent we sing beautiful hymns, such as *Come O Long Expected Jesus* and *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. In this holy season, we can ask Jesus to come and heal one area of difficulty in our lives. We need His help. In joyful expectation, we can trust that Jesus will help us with our struggle.

Receiving the Sacrament of Confession during Advent frees us from the effects of sin, such as selfishness, anger, lack of forgiveness, guilt, bitterness. As our heart is purified, there is more room for Christ to bring us His joy.

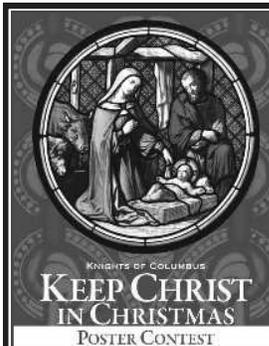
We can arrive 10 minutes early for Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass, to read the Bible passages from the missalette. The Readings walk us through the steps of God's unfolding plan to send His Son as our Savior. In pondering the Scriptures, it is helpful to choose a word or phrase that stood out and think about the reason why this caught your attention.

The Advent wreath, with its rich symbolism, helps us to stay focused on this time of preparation. A wreath can be assembled by simply using evergreen limbs from a tree in the yard and four candles. The wreath made of evergreens – which retain their green, vibrant life throughout the year - signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ Who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and Resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The light of the candles shines in the darkness, which is most evident during this time of the year which is darker due to shorter daylight hours. We use candles in the Advent wreath and put lights on a Christmas tree and possibly on and around our homes, signifying the coming of Christ Who is the Light of the world. After all, **Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God.** (See John 3:19-21)

The Advent wreath contains three purple candles and one rose candle. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, the day of rejoicing, because we have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when our preparation is now half over and we are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time and some prayers prayed together as a family.

The preparation of our heart for Christmas will make the coming of Emmanuel – God with us – mean so much more. We will be blessed with the grace to know that Jesus is truly our Savior. And, receiving the Christ Child in Holy Communion will be the highlight of our Christmas Day.



Knights of Columbus Poster Contest



Are you looking for ways for your children to learn more about their faith or challenge their understanding of it?

The Knights of Columbus are having their two annual Contests:

- For Students in grades K through 8th - A Poster Contest:

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

- For Students in grades 9th through 12th - A Essay Contest:
The Essay topic is: **The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St Peter to lead His Church on earth. Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**

Students in grades 9th through 12th are invited and encouraged to write a 500–750-word essay, Starting with the Title: "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

Our Religious Education students are participating and hope that all our young parishioners consider participating as well.

Entries must be submitted by December 12th. Cash Prizes are awarded to the first, second and third place winners in all grade levels. All entrants receive a certificate.

For entry forms or more information please call the office.

Cancer Benefit for Brittney (Miilu) Moniz

Opportunity to support Kathy Miilu's daughter's (Brittney) continuing battle against cancer.

Please join us as we come together in love and support for Brittney as she courageously battles cancer. In January 2025, Brittney was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and successfully completed

16 rounds of chemo and weeks of radiation with strength and courage. She then learned the cancer traveled to her brain and she needed more radiation. Through all of this, Brittney, her husband, Zach, and their two children: Hank (3) and Camryn (1), have endured months of travel to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, treatment for the cancer, disrupted daily life for the family and significant medical expenses.

Brittney has been a member of our parish all her life. After her wedding at St. Matthew's, she and Zach moved to Minnesota.

On Saturday, December 6th from Noon until 5:00 pm, friends & family are sponsoring a benefit at Kelly Sports Bar & Grill on Ross Avenue in Weston.

There will be lunch, raffle baskets, and many opportunities to help this family with the overwhelming expenses they are experiencing. All contributions will go to Brittney and her family to help manage their continuing battle to defeat this cancer. If you would like to help us make their journey a little easier, please contact Brittney's mom, Kathy Miilu, for details on how you can get involved in the benefit.

For more information, please **email Kathy at: KJM0608@yahoo.com**



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To get bulletin link emailed to you: www.parishesonline.com



Anointing of the Sick Baptism Holy Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage Holy Orders

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office (715-842-3148) to make arrangements for:

✚ **Confession** - by appointment outside of scheduled Confession times.

✚ **Baptism** - Baptisms take place the 2nd Sunday of each month.

The Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by parents. Godparents are encouraged to attend. **You must register at least one week before the class by calling the Parish Office.**

Next Baptism Class: Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm.

✚ **Bautismo** - Los bautismos se llevan a cabo el segundo domingo de mes. Para los bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase y no faltar a misa los domingos. Los padrinos deben presentar comprobante de que recibieron el sacramento de la Confirmación y no pueden estar viviendo juntos. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a **Joy** al 715-842-3148

✚ **Marriage** - Contact Fr Sebastian 6 months in advance.

✚ **Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits**

- * **Anointing of the Sick** - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- * **Holy Communion Visits to the Homebound** - for those at home, a rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- * **Hospital Visits** - If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know. The hospital doesn't always inform us.
- * **In Need of Extra Prayer?** - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! **Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876.**



Donations for Christmas Flowers

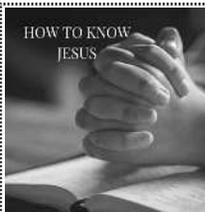
(this year donations are for flowers only, not candles)

Christmas is a time to give thanks to God for the special people in our lives. We can honor them by donating flowers in their name.

Put your donations in an envelope along with the following information:

- * Your Name
- * If it is "in memory of" OR "in honor of" and Their Name
- * Put in the Collection Basket, Bring to Office or Mail to:

St Matthew Parish, 227 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401



HOW TO KNOW JESUS

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus
How Do We Get To Know Jesus Better?

Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much, through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day."

This week, read the words of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary that she will be the mother of the Son of God in Luke 1: 26-38

Holiday Bulletin Submission Dates

Bulletin submission dates change during the upcoming holidays. Please refer to the schedule below for submitting announcements for the bulletin. Please submit announcements by 11 am on the deadline date or on the day before at:

bulletin@stmatthewausau.org or call the office at 715-842-3148

For Bulletin on:	Submission Deadline:
Sunday, December 7	Monday, December 1
Sunday, December 14	Friday, December 5
	December 21 - Thursday, December 11
	December 28 - Friday, December 19
	January 4 - Tuesday, December 23



WAUSAU AREA HIGH SCHOOL
CATHOLIC YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

CORAM DEO

An evening of adoration, prayerful reflection, sacred music, and fellowship

SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH AT 6:00PM

Hosted at St. Matthew Parish



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, December 3

Men's Morning Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am
 Family Formation: Grades K-6th

Thursday, December 4

Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 9:00 am
 Peacemakers Quilters - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 1:00 pm
 Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:30 pm

Friday, December 5 - 1st Friday

Mass in Spanish at 5 pm, followed by Flame of Love Holy Hour, followed by all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 6 - Feast of Saint Nicholas

All night Adoration ends at 6 am with Mass in Spanish
 1st Reconciliation Retreat
 Children's Christmas Ornaments to Decorate given after 4:30 pm Mass
 Baxter's Pecan Samples & Orders Taken after 4:30 pm Mass - Angelorum

Sunday, December 7

Coffee and Donuts with St Nicholas - McGarty Hall: after 8 & 10 am Masses
 Children's Christmas Ornaments to Decorate given after 8 & 10 am Mass
 Baxter's Pecan Samples & Orders Taken after 8 & 10 am Mass - Angelorum

Parish Offices will be closed the week of December 22nd.



Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget:
\$11,073.00

Envelopes (November 16th).....	\$11,734.00
Offertory.....	\$1,720.25
All Saints Day.....	\$65.00
Helping Hands.....	\$290.00
Candles.....	\$163.00
Envelopes (November 23rd).....	To be announced.

Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!



Please place your order for Scrip Christmas Presents by December 7th to insure delivery!

Thank you for your participation in this Fund Raiser. In Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Scrip raised \$9,721 toward our NCS Subsidy. Every card sold makes a difference. If you have not yet done so, please consider this in your spending process. It does not cost you anything and brings rewards to our Parish Family.

If you commute to Merrill, or need a gift for someone who commutes or lives in Merrill, or have your favorite upnorth spot near Rhinelander, please consider our Circle K/Holiday gift cards.

Next Scrip Sales: December 6th & 7th

In the Angelorum before and after Mass.
 Scrip can also be bought at the Office Monday-Thursday.

Thank you for buying SCRIP!
 Merry Christmas!



Mon, Dec 1 - 6:00 pm - Living & †Deceased Tanck & Krautkramer Families
 Tue, Dec 2 - 12:05 pm - †Beth Hynes
 Wed, Dec 3 - 8:00 am - †Judy Flashinski
 Thu, Dec 4 - 8:00 am - †Carolyn Nest
 Fri, Dec 5 - 8:00 am - †Scott Kraft
 Sat, Dec 6 - 4:30 pm - †Carolyn Nest
 Sun, Dec 7 - 8:00 am - †Scott Zernicke
 10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
 Spanish - 12 noon - †Roberto y †Rodolfo Aguilera

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 1

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec 4 - St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8

Sunday, December 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



Liturgical Ministers			Holy Day of Obligation	
Saturday, Dec 6 4:30 pm	Sunday, Dec 7 8:00 am	Sunday, Dec 7 10:00 am	Monday, Dec 8 8:00 am	Monday, Dec 8 6:00 pm
Lectors				
Lynn Meyer	Bernie Dohr	Kay Washebek	Lee Peek	Mary Holm
Musicians				
Eben Soper Andrea Huebner	Bill Dohr A Southworth	Phillip Wyman D Giallombardo	Jim Washebek D Giallombardo	Marie Stubbe Andrea Huebner
Ushers and Greeters				
Marie Burish John Bocke Dave Mayer	Dave Mosure Jody Babl Dennis Janssen	Gary Tapper Tom Brzezinski Kevin Ellenbecker	Chuck Miller Ted Stencil Kevin Malovrh	Tom Line Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur
Altar Servers				
Gary Koy Yonathan Ramirez	Joey Huebsch Rydan Sondelski	Anthony Hanneman Sam Hanneman	Al Seubert	Logan Mleziva Nolen Mleziva
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion				
Judy Koy	Bernie Dohr	Jane Holl	Joy Orozco	Paul Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word Andrea				
SCRIP: Dave Burish	Josie Ollhoff	Jeannie Henaman		



*Special Occasions
in December*

*Birthdays, Baptisms,
Weddings, Anniversaries,
and all "Special Occasions"
are also special to God.*

*May God Bless You on Your Special Day
in the month of December and
Every Day that Follows!*



**COMING
SOON!**



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OR

Call: Mike Baxter 715-581-0911
Mike Bourguignon 715-241-0030

PICK UP:
Sat & Sun: Dec 13 & 14, after Masses

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ST MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB
CHRISTMAS DINNER
Members, Wives and Guests

Thursday, December 11th
Memories Ballroom, Marathon, WI
Social 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm



MENU

Herb Roasted Chicken
Lemon Pepper Baked Fish
Roasted Red Potatoes
California Blend Vegetables
Fruit Salad, Ice Cream

\$20.00 per Person
(Includes \$1.00 for 50/50 Raffle)

RSVP
PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Include Number of People
(Memories Needs Number Attending By Dec 1st!!)

RSVP TO:
Mike Bourguignon: 715-241-0030
Glen Yeager: 715-573-1109

MEMBERSHIP
Invite a friend, bring a guest.
Dues are \$20.00 for 2026, if you have not paid them yet.
All men of St Matthew Parish are invited to become a Member.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts
to Celebrate Saint Nicholas Day!



Sunday, December 7th
after the 8 & 10 am Masses
in McGarty Hall
Everyone is Invited!

Bring the children to meet
St Nicholas!



Advent Candles and Wreaths

\$11.00 - Metal Wreath
\$5.00 - Advent Candles (1 box/set)

Available for purchase in the Angelorum.
Money may be put in available box or put in the
collection basket at Mass in an envelope with
note for what money is for. Thank You!



Special Blessing
of Your Nativity
Baby Jesus
Statue



After Masses on
December
20th & 21st
The baby Jesus
nativity scene
statues will be
blessed at the
communion rail.

**Decorating the
Family Christmas Tree**

December 6th & 7th after the
4:30 pm, 8:00 am, & 10:00 am Masses

We will be handing out ornaments
for children to take home, decorate, and return to put on the
Family Christmas Tree in the Angelorum.

All parishioners are invited to decorate the "Family Christmas
Tree" by bringing in an ornament for the family.



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